

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: 01-184

I have been a wireless customer with the same provider for approximately 6 years & have not changed providers simply because of my clients' familiarity with my wireless number. I recently received notice from my provider that they are working to settle a class action lawsuit regarding their marketing policies. The provider happens to be Verizon. Without portability, I really have no choices beyond staying with them or spending considerable resources mailing my client database, printing new cards & incurring forwarding charges.

Portability of wireless numbers is as important as with land lines - perhaps more so, due to the frequency of wireless usage for businesses such as mine. I am an independent contractor who uses my own money for promotion / advertising. As I am frequently out of my office, my wireless number has become my primary number. By forcing me to change numbers if I change carriers, I am essentially blackmailed by a potentially crippling expense.

I urge the FCC to deny the forbearance from the LNP mandate and to enforce the implementation deadline.

Thank you for your consideration,

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